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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT BONGO'S DECISION TO PURCHASE DC-8
IN US

REFS: A) STATE 77438

B) STATE 85559

C) LIBREVILLE 530

1. IN ACCORDANCE REF A, EMBASSY SENT NOTE TO OAU SECRETARIAT
DATED APRIL 17 ASKING WHETHER OAU WOULD HAVE ANY OBJECTION
TO PURCHASE OF DC-8 BY GABON.

2. EMBOFF CALLED APRIL 30 ON ACTING SEC GEN PETER ONU TO INQUIRE
ABOUT STATUS OF AFFAIR, PER REF B. ONU RESPONDED THAT OAU NOT
"SUPER-STATE" AND SECRETARIAT INCOMPETENT TO RESPOND TO OUR QUESTION.
ISSUE HAS ACCORDINGLY BEEN PASSED TO CHAIRMAN GOWON, WHO WILL
CONSULT WITH BONGO AND OTHERS AS GOWON DEEMS NECESSARY. NOTE TO THIS
EFFECT HAS JUST BEEN MAILED TO US. (WE WILL CABLE TEXT WHEN
RECEIVED.)

3. ONU (WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM LAGOS) DID NOT REFER (IN ANY
WAY) TO SEC GEN EKANGAKI'S CURRENT EFFORTS IN LIBREVILLE (REF C).
IT SEEMS TO US MORE THAN POSSIBLE THAT ONU TOOK INITIATIVE IN
REFERRING MATTER TO GOWON WITHOUT REFERENCE TO EKANGAKI.
COMMENT: INVOLVEMENT OF GOWON OBVIOUSLY COMPLICATES SCENARIO.
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ON OTHER HAND, GOWON'S APPROVAL WOULD BE MORE MEANINGFUL THAN

EKANGAKIS.
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